## Research Groups — Monday, June 20th

### Assignment

#### Part 1 — Packet Scouting

1. Download all files from the packet (<https://gds16.wikispaces.com/Evidence>)
2. Review any parts of the packet that apply to your research group.
3. Take notes on key terms — what are they? What do they mean? Look up anything you don’t know.

#### Part 2 — “Card” Cutting

Today we’re not going to be cutting very many cards that will be useful in a debate. Instead, we are gathering information that will guide you as you start constructing arguments and files.

Each group has a set of questions (below) that you need to answer. Your group needs to cut one or more cards to answer the question. Most of these cards will be somewhat “FYI” instead of argument based: that’s okay. The goal is to learn more about your area and start to understand the important issues.

If there’s a card in the evidence packet that answers one of your questions, you can use that.

You can divide up the card cutting any way you like, but all cards need to be compiled into one document per group. Put the cards below the question that they answer.

Each card should have a tag, complete citation, and be underlined and highlighted.

#### Submission

When you are done, submit your file to the lab Dropbox folder (Maggie will invite you).

## Chinese Politics

### Who is the current leader of China? How long has he been in power?

### What are his primary goals for China?

### How is the current leader different than the previous leader(s)?

### What are the major problems facing the CCP?

### What's the status of human rights in China, according to the US?

### What's the status of human rights in China, international NGOs like Amnesty International?

### What's the status of human rights in China, according to CCP leaders?

### What role has the US had in influencing human rights in China?

### How successful has US influence been on Chinese human rights?

### What's the legal status of Tibet?

### What's the legal status of Xinjiang?

### What's the legal status of Taiwan?

### What are the major issues for the peoples of Tibet? How do they feel about the CCP?

### What are the major issues for the peoples of Xinjiang? How do they feel about the CCP?

### What are the major issues for the peoples of Taiwan? How do they feel about the CCP?

## Chinese Economy

### What is the status of Chinese economic growth? How has it changed in the last few years?

### How does the size of the Chinese economy compare to the US?

### What are some of the benefits to the US and the globe from fast Chinese economic growth?

### What are some of the disadvantages to the US and the globe from fast Chinese economic growth?

### What are some of the benefits to the US and the globe from slow Chinese economic growth?

### What are some of the disadvantages to the US and the globe from slow Chinese economic growth?

### What is the BIT?

### What is the relationship of China to the TPP? How does China feel about the TPP?

### What are the US concerns about Chinese IP protection?

### How does Chinese IP protection affect the US economy and Chinese relations with the US?

### What is a currency revaluation?

### What is the US position on a Chinese currency revaluation?

### What is the CCP position on Chinese currency revaluation?

### What effects do Chinese currency revaluations have on the US and global economies?

### What is "China rise"?

### What benefits might China’s rise have for the US?

### What disadvantages might China’s rise have for the US?

## Chinese Security

### What's China's relationship with North Korea like?

### How has the US benefitted from China's relationship with North Korea?

### What are some of the United States' concerns with China's relationship with North Korea?

### What are the main conflicts in the East China Sea?

### What are Japan's claims in the East China Sea?

### What are China's claims in the East China Sea?

### What are the main conflicts in the South China Sea?

### What have been current attempts to resolve those conflicts through international law? Have they been successful?

### What are the main issues with China and cybersecurity?

### What is the status of China in outer space?

### What are the United States' concerns about China's space development?

### What's the status of Chinese and US military relations?

### What are some possibilities for increasing Chinese and US military relations?

## Global Issues

### Where does China get most of its energy? (Type and location)

### What are the local environmental effects of China's current energy use?

### What are the global environmental effects of China's current energy use?

### How do Chinese energy demands influence global security?

### How do Chinese energy demands influence the global economy?

### What's the status of Chinese research and development of alternative energies?

### What are the barriers to China shifting energy sources?

### What is "soft power"?

### Where does China use its soft power?

### How effective is current Chinese soft power?

### What are some benefits of Chinese soft power?

### What are some of the United States' concerns about Chinese soft power?

### What's the status of US-China cooperation on disease research and prevention?

### What's the status of US-China cooperation on counterterrorism?

### What are some other global issues that the US and China could cooperate on?

## Neighbors

### What is China's current relationship with Japan like? Improving? Declining? Why?

### What was the historical relationship between China and Japan?

### How does the Chinese public feel about Japan?

### How does the Japanese public feel about China?

### What are Japan's security concerns about China?

### What is the US-Japan alliance? How does it influence Japan's relationship with China?

### What are the major issues in current China-Japan relations?

### What are possible conflicts between China and Japan?

### What is China's current relationship with India like? Improving? Declining? Why?

### What are the major issues in current India-China relations?

### What are India's security concerns about China?

### In what areas/over what issues do China and India cooperate?

### What are possible conflicts between China and India?

### What is China's current relationship with Russia like? Improving? Declining? Why?

### What were China-Russia relations like during the Cold War?

### What are the major issues in current China-Russia relations?

### In what areas/over what issues do China and Russia cooperate?

### What are possible conflicts between China and Russia?

## Elections

### What role does foreign policy play in the current election?

### What are the differences between Trump and Clinton's stated foreign policies?

### What statements has Trump made about China?

### What statements has Clinton made about China?

### What is the current division between Dem/GOP in the House?

### What is the current division between Dem/GOP in the Senate?

### How many House seats are up for election in 2016?

### How many Senate seats are up for election in 2016?

### What's the best (realistic) case scenario for the Dems in the House this election?

### What's the best (realistic) case scenario for the GOP in the House this election?

### What's the worst (realistic) case scenario for the Dems in the House this election?

### What's the worst (realistic) case scenario for the GOP in the House this election?

### If the Democrats had control of Congress, what issues are they likely to push for?

### If the GOP retains control of Congress, what issues are they likely to push for?

### What concerns do the Democrats have about Clinton as the nominee?

### What concerns does the GOP have about Trump as the nominee?

## Critiques

### What is realism?

### What would a realist say should be the United States' primary policies/goals in relation to China?

### What is liberalism? (in IR theory, not US politics!)

### What would a (classical) liberal say should be the United States' primary policies/goals in relation to China?

### What is constructivism?

### What would a constructivist say should be the United States' primary policies/goals in relation to China?

### What is neoliberalism?

### What would a neoliberal say should be the United States' primary policies/goals in relation to China?

### What does it mean to "construct a threat" in international relations?

### What might be the problems with constructing another country as a threat?

### What might be the advantages of constructing another country as a threat?